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LIMDIS FOR GOUGH AND ERNST (ARCOTICS COORDINATORS CONF.)

FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 04373 ACTION SECSTATE AND GENEVA
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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR DALE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG, APER, UNFDAC

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS

REF: USUN 4291

1. AMBASSADOR BENNETT TELEPHONED USYG DAVIDSON AFTERNOON
SEPTEMBER 18 TO PASS ON AMBASSADOR DALE'S COMMENTS THAT HE,
WINSPEARE AND OTHERS IN GENEVA STILL SUPPORT BRAENDEN AS
ACTING DIRECTOR OF DRUG ABUSE CONTROL UNIT AND THAT THEY THINK
IT WOULD BE GRAVE MISTAKE TO SELECT ANYONE ELSE AT THIS TIME.
DAVIDSON EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE INFORMATION AND IT WAS
APPARENT HE WAS AWARE OF WINSPEARE'S VIEWS. HOWEVER, HE
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COMMENTED THAT WALDHEIM REMAINED "INTRANSIGENT" WITH RESPECT

TO APPOINTMENT OF BRAENDEN.

2. DAVIDSON REVIEWED WALDHEIM'S INSTRUCTIONS TO HIM (ALREADY REPORTED REFTTEL) THAT DEBEUS BE NAMED ACTING HEAD DND. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY, DAVIDSON REMARKED THAT MICUTA NOW SEEMED COMPLETELY OUT OF RUNNING, SINCE WALDHEIM SEEMED TO ACCEPT OUR FIRM OPPOSITION.

2. BENNETT ASKED WHETHER DAVIDSON THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO WEIGH IN ONCE MORE WITH WALDHEIM WITH RESPECT TO BRAENDEN AND POSSIBLY HAVE NORWEGIANS TAKE SIMILAR ACTION. DAVIDSON REPLIED HE HONESTLY THOUGHT WE WOULD BE BETTER SERVED NOW BY GOING ALONG WITH APPOINTMENT OF DEBEUS IN ACTING CAPACITY. DEBEUS HAD BEEN NOTIFIED, AND HIS IMMEDIATE RESPONSE HAD BEEN THAT HE THOUGHT BRAENDEN WAS UP FOR THE JOB AND THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD NOT CLAIM TO HAVE ANY TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT MATTER. DAVIDSON THOUGHT NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT ALREADY AWARE OF PLAN TO TELL DEBEUS, AND THAT BROUGHT ANOTHER COMPLICATION INTO THE MATTER. DAVIDSON'S ADVICE IS TO GO ALONG WITH DEBEUS APPOINTMENT AND HE IS OPTIMISTIC, IN FACT RATHER CONVINCED, THAT DEBEUS WILL TURN TO BRAENDEN AFTER A COUPLE OF MONTHS. HE RECOMMENDED THAT WE DO APPROPRIATE MISSIONARY WORK WITH DEBEUS.
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